Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing oil and gas industry data and granting a user access to the data over a network comprising:

a database within at least one server operatively connected to the network, the database containing data from at least one customer; and

a system administration module for granting the user access rights to a customer's industry data,

wherein the user can access a customer's industry data across the network upon being granted access rights by the system administration module, the system administration module defining at least three levels of access security including a first access level enabling public access to public industry data without system registration, a second access level enabling the user access to specific industry data only after system registration and a third level of access security enabling the user to access and manipulate a customer's industry data after the customer grants access approval to the user upon completion of at least one transaction.

2.   (Original) A system in claim 1 wherein the system is an internet portal and website, the website including a home page module having operative links to the database and the system administration module.

3.   (Original) A system as in claim 2 further comprising a virtual client room module operatively linked to the home page enabling a customer's industry data to be graphically located in a specific location on the website.

4. (Original) A system as in claim 1 further comprising a project management module operatively linked to the home page enabling a customer to access project management software to control access by third parties and to monitor third party access to the industry data through the system administration module.

5. (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the wide area network is the internet or an intranet or a combination thereof.

6. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A system as in claim 1 further comprising industry data viewing and processing software operatively connected to the system to enable a user having access rights to view or process the industry data from a remote location across the network.

10. (Original) A system as in claim 2 wherein a third party service or product provider web page is operatively linked to the system.

11. (Original) A system as in claim 2 further comprising an industry data processing module operatively linked to the home page enabling a user to access specific software applications for viewing, analysis or interpretation of a customer's industry data.

12. (Original) A system as in claim 2 wherein the home page module is operatively linked to any one of or a combination of data software modules including data management, data mapping, data processing, and data viewing software, a virtual client room module, a project management module, a resource module, a business floor module and third party modules including any one of or a combination of professional services, technical services and financial services.

13. (Original) A system as in claim 12 wherein the data software modules are remote to the system and a customer or user can access a specific data software module on a pay per use basis.

14. (Original) A system as in claim 4 wherein the third parties are any one of or a combination of geologists, geophysicists, engineers, and financiers.

15. (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the system administration module does not identify the identity of parties prior to the completion of a transaction.

16.   (Original) A system as in claim 3 wherein access to a virtual client room is limited to a specific time by the system administration module.

17.   (Original) A system as in claim 3 wherein the system administration module enables multiple parties to access industry data within a virtual client room module simultaneously.

18.   (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the system administration module enables a transaction to be completed without identification of the parties.

19.   (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the system administration module acts as an intermediary in a financial transaction between a customer and user.

20.   (Currently Amended) A system for promoting the electronic exchange of oil and gas industry data and the completion of transactions within the oil and gas industry across the internet, comprising:

a website having a database in at least one server operatively connected to the internet, the database containing industry data from at least one customer;

a system administration module operatively connected to the website for granting a potential buyer access rights to a customer's industry data, wherein the potential buyer can access a customer's industry data across the internet upon being granted access rights by the system administration module, the system administration module defining at least three levels of access security including a first access level enabling public access to public industry data without system registration, a second access level enabling a potential buyer access to specific industry data only after system registration and a third level of access security enabling the potential buyer to access and manipulateto a customer's industry data after the customer grants access approval to the user upon completion of a financial at least one transaction.

21. (Original) A system as in claim 20 wherein the website is operatively linked to any one of or a combination of data software modules including data management, data mapping, data processing, data processing and data viewing software, a virtual client room module, a project management module, a resource module, a business floor module and third party modules including any one of or a combination of professional services, technical services and financial services for enabling the potential buyer to evaluate a customer's industry data through remote access to third party product and service providers.